

# Rubric for Debate

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**Assignment:** In class you will debate whether or not the British have the right to tax the colonies.

Grading Area	4 (95%)	3 (85%)	2 (75%)	1 (65%)	0 (50% or below)
<b>1. Organization and Clarity:</b> viewpoints and responses are outlined both clearly and orderly.	_Participants deliver ideas in a <b>clear and concise manner</b> , without too much reliance on notes.  _Participants speak loudly and clearly to be heard by their audience.	_Participants deliver ideas in a <b>semi-clear and concise manner</b> , without too much reliance on notes.  _Participants speak loudly but is not clearly to be heard by their audience.	_Participants deliver ideas in a <b>unclear and concise manner</b> , with too much reliance on notes.  _Participants speak loudly but is not clearly heard by their audience.	_Participants deliver ideas in a <b>very unclear manner</b> , with total reliance on notes.  _Participants speak loudly but is not clearly heard by their audience.	The debate does not fulfill the requirements of the assignment.
<b>2. Use of Arguments:</b> reasons are given to support viewpoint.	_Participants' statements are <b>accurate and well researched</b> .	_Participants' statements are <b>semi-accurate and partly researched</b> .	_Participants' have <b>very few accurate statements</b> .	_Participants' statements are <b>not accurate</b> .	
<b>3. Use of Examples and Facts:</b> examples and facts are given to support reasons	_Participants' statements are <b>relevant</b> to the topic and appropriate for his or her side of the debate.	_Participants' statements are <b>semi-relevant</b> to the topic and appropriate for his or her side of the debate.	_Participants' statements are <b>semi-relevant</b> to the topic <b>but are not appropriate</b> for his or her side of the debate.	_Participants' statements are <b>not relevant</b> to the topic and are not appropriate for his or her side of the debate.	
<b>4. Use of Rebuttal:</b> arguments made by the other teams are responded to and dealt with effectively.	_Rebuttal statements show that participants <b>listened to and understood</b> most of the opposing arguments.	_Rebuttal statements show that participants <b>listened to and understood some</b> of the opposing arguments.	_Rebuttal statements show that participants <b>listened to and understood very little</b> of the opposing arguments.	_Rebuttal statements show that participants <b>listened to and did not understand</b> the opposing arguments.	
<b>Score:</b>					

**Comments:**